

ROPSSAA BOYS VOLLEYBALL

PLAYING REGULATIONS

1. **DATE**

- (a) The boys volleyball season will run in the fall as per the ROPSSAA Constitution and Co-Curricular Schedule.
- (b) The start time for games, unless otherwise requested by the participating schools, will be 3:30pm.
- (c) The order of play for double header matches will be bantam/junior/senior for the first half of the season and senior/junior/bantam for the second half of the season.

2. **LOCATION**

- (a) The ROPSSAA Tier 1 Championship will be held at the school of the Convenor or at a facility designated by the Convenor and approved by ROPSSAA Council.
- (b) The ROPSSAA Tier 2 Championship will be held at 3:30pm at the school from the higher ranked division.
- (c) ROPSSAA Bantam Championship location will be determined at the preseason meeting.
- (d) During the playoffs the home game is to be awarded to the team which placed higher in the standings at the end of regular season play. In the event of a tie, the higher ranked division (from A to H) will be awarded the home court.

3. **ELIGIBILITY**

- (a) All competitors must meet the eligibility requirements as per Article X of the ROPSSAA Constitution. The eligibility list must be submitted by the deadline announced at the preseason meeting.
- (b) Competition shall be at the Bantam, Junior and Senior level with age classifications as follows:
 - (i) Bantam: Shall not have attained their 14th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held (January 1, 2009, born in 1995 or later). In addition they must be in their first year of high school.
 - (ii) Junior: Shall not have attained their 15th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held (January 1, 2009, born in 1994 or later). In addition they must be in their first or second year of high school.

- (iii) Senior: Shall not have attained their 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held (January 1, 2009, born in 1990 or later).
- (c) Once a player has played at one level of competition they are ineligible for another.
- (d) Team Eligibility
 - (i) Individuals are eligible for 1 level of competition only.
 - (ii) For team sports, individuals must have participated in at least 50% of their team's league games to be eligible for playoffs. Players missing games due to injury (INJ), or awaiting transfer approval (ATA), must appear so designated on a game sheet to maintain their eligibility. Games missed due to injury are subject to review of a doctors note. Players under game or school suspension may not have their name included on a game sheet for participation percentages.
 - (iii) All game sheets/rosters are to include the name of all those in the bench area (players, coaches, managers). In order to be in the bench area an individuals name must appear on the eligibility sheet. Players under game or school suspension may not sit in the bench area.
 - (iv) Individuals are deemed to have played if their name appears on a game sheet. Individuals must be present at a game to be included on a game sheet.
 - (v) A staff member must be present in the bench area from the start of the warm-up until the last competitor has left the area.

4. OPERATING STRUCTURE

- (a) The league will be divided into 8 set divisions as follows:

| Northeast | Northwest | Southeast | Southwest |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Ascension | Brampton Centennial | Applewood | Clarkson |
| Bramalea | Brampton Christian | Cawthra | Erindale |
| Central Peel | Cardinal Leger | Glenforest | Iona |
| Lincoln Alexander | Fletcher's Meadow | Gordon Graydon | Lorne Park |
| North Park | Heart Lake | John Cabot | Loyola |
| Notre Dame | St. Augustine | Philip Pocock | St. Joan of Arc |
| St. Thomas Aquinas | St. Edmund Campion | St. Paul | Stephen Lewis |
| Turner Fenton | St. Roch | | |

| North | Central | Central South | Central West |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Cardinal Ambrozic | Mississauga | Central Christian | Jeunes sans Frontieres |
| Chinguacousy | Rick Hansen | Father Goetz | John Fraser |
| Harold Brathwaite | St. Francis Xavier | Mentor College | Meadowvale |
| Humberview | St. Joseph | Port Credit | Mount Carmel |
| Mayfield | St. Marcellinus | St. Martin | St. Aloysius Gonzaga |
| North Peel | Streetsville | T. L. Kennedy | Ste. Famille |
| Robert Hall | | Woodlands | West Credit |
| St. Marguerite d'Youville | | | |
| Sandalwood | | | |

Season Structure

Bantam:

- 11 teams or less – one division, play everyone once
- 11+ teams – 2 division, home/away structure

Junior/Senior Divisions:

- 1-2 teams – eliminate the division, (team(s) would be moved to another division) (in the playoff structure, those division entries would then be marked as a bye)
- 3-4 teams – play each team 3 times = 6-9 games
- 5-6 teams – play home/away with each team = 8-10 games
- 7 or more teams – play everyone once = 6+games

(b) Ties in League Standings

OVA tie-breaker procedures will decide all positions (Appendix A).

(c) (i) Bantam Playoffs

A minimum of four (4) to a maximum of eight (8) teams will compete in a single day Championship Jamboree with the top two (2) team advancing to the ROPSSAA Bantam Finals.

(ii) Playoff Format

The playoff structure to be used will be as per Appendix B for junior and senior divisions. The top 4 teams in each division (32 teams) will qualify for the playoffs. The first 3 teams in each division will enter the Tier 1 playoffs. The first place teams from each division will receive a first round bye. The 2nd place teams will play a 3rd place team in the opening round. The 4th place teams in each division will enter the Tier 2 playoffs directly. Prior to the playoffs, a seeding meeting will be held to identify the top 8 divisions based on the current division leaders. These divisions will then be ranked 'A' to 'H' with 'A' being the top ranked division. This seeding meeting will be held on the last Tuesday of the league schedule prior to playoffs. Where possible, no junior or senior league games will be scheduled on that day. Each team will be allowed a representative at the seeding meeting.

Seeding criteria may include:

- 1) previous year's results
- 2) number of returning players
- 3) common opponents

(d) For all regular season games, there will be one official. For the senior tier one semi finals and finals there will be an up and down official and two lines people assigned. For junior there will be an up and down official for the finals.

(e) Scheduled Games

(i) Coaches are responsible for reviewing final league game schedules and playoff schedules as to locations, dates, and times to ensure their attendance.

(ii) Failure to attend at the scheduled time will result in forfeiture of the game and/or loss of opportunity to compete. A default fee of \$100.00 will be assessed each time a school fails to attend at the scheduled time.

Appeals may be made for the forfeiture occurring and must be submitted to ROPSSAA Council with a fee of \$25.00.

(iii) Failure to fulfill game requirements leading to the abandonment of a game will result in a loss for that team. An abandonment fee of \$100.00 will be assessed each time (does not apply to coach ejection). Appeals may be made for the forfeiture or abandonment of a game and must be submitted to ROPSSAA Council with a fee of \$25.00.

(iv) a) Schools must bring their own warm-up equipment and first aid kit

b) i) Schools must endeavor to arrive no earlier than 60 minutes before game time. Teams arriving earlier than this must be supervised by the head coach in an area where students from the home school do not congregate. Schools with team members who do not travel with the head coach (in taxis, cars, on foot, etc.) must inform players that they must wait for their head coach and should ensure that the head coach is the first to arrive at the host school.

ii) Schools arriving for an away game between 30 and 60 minutes before game time must accompany the head coach to the competition area and liase with the host school. The visiting team will be provided a safe waiting area and change room during this time and the visiting head coach must provide supervision of his/her players. Visiting athletes must bring all belongings with them to the competition area.

iii) Visiting schools are entitled access to the competition area at the same time as the host school, and no later than 30 minutes before the game time (pertains to the first game).

iv) Visiting schools are entitled access to a safe waiting area and change room at the completion of the competition.

5. ENTRIES

- (a) Each school may enter one bantam, one junior and one senior team.

6. EXPENSES

- (a) Officiating expenses for all league, quarter-final, and semi-final games will be met by the host school. All expenses for the finals, excluding team transportation, may be met by ROPSSAA.

7. RULES AND OFFICIALS

- (a) Games shall be played according to the rules outlined in the Official Canadian Volleyball Association Rule Book with the following exceptions:

- (i) The net height for bantam and junior will be 2.35m, the net height for senior will be 2.43m.
- (ii) Each team is given 5 minutes on the court for warm-up. The referee is to indicate when there is 1 minute left in the allotted time.
- (iii) Twelve substitutions per game will be allowed at all levels. There is no limit to the number of times a player may leave or re-enter the set as long as the maximum number of substitutions is adhered to and as long as they leave or re-enter for the same player. Once you have a designated substitution partner for a set that is the only player that you may leave or re-enter that set for.
- (iv) Time outs will be one minute in length.

- (b) Number of Games

- (i) Regular Season

All division – 3 games straight with each game worth a single point in the standings. Teams will alternate sides after each game. All games to 25 points not capped.

- (ii) Playoffs

Bantam - will play best 2 of 3.

Junior and Senior - will play best 3 of 5

- (c) When reporting the scores, individual game scores must be given and will be shown on the ROPSSAA website. Errors on the website must be reported within 72 hours of being posted. Game sheets should be submitted within 2 school days of the match by the winning team. Failure to do so, may result in a penalty.

Note: Referees will be asked to give the original score sheet to the winning team following the match.

- (d) There will be no capped games.

- (e) Referee to signal for the teams to change sides at the end of a set. Teams will go directly to their benches and then proceed to the team bench on the other side of the court.

8. AWARDS

- (a) ROPSSAA gold medallions will be presented to the winning Bantam, Junior (tier one and tier two) and Senior (tier one and tier two) teams (maximum 20 per team).
- (b) ROPSSAA silver medallions will be presented to the runner up Bantam, Junior (tier one and tier two) and Senior (tier one and tier two) teams (maximum 20 per team).
- (c) A trophy will be presented to the winning team at each level.

Note - Should there be fewer than 6 participating schools in a league no individual awards will be distributed (ROPSSAA Constitution Article IX).

9. UNIFORMS

- (a) The playing uniform shall consist of jerseys, numbered on the front and back, similar or matching shorts, and running shoes.
- (b) Athletes may not change their clothing in the competition area. For all outdoor sports, athletes must arrive dressed to compete. Visiting teams requiring the use of washroom facilities must send a staff member into the school with the team member(s). For all indoor sports, athletes must move to the designated locker room or change area to change their clothing.
- (c) Athletes must be in their game uniform while in the competition area. Warm up outfits should be worn over top of playing uniforms. The exception to this may involve the libero who may not yet have been declared.

10. EQUIPMENT

- (a) The home school must provide: a change room for the visiting team, a change room for the referee, team benches, game ball, net at the proper height, antennae, a proper volleyball referee stand with padding, 2 scorers, a score table, a score sheet, 2 lines people and a sweep of the gym floor before the first match.
- (b) The visiting school must provide their own practice balls and first aid kit.

11. DEPORTMENT

- (a) Competitors and Coaches are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner as per Article XVI, Section II of the ROPSSAA Constitution.

- (b) The name of a player who has been yellow or red carded must appear on the game sheet.
- (c) A player ejection from a game results in their automatic suspension from the next league or playoff match.
- (d) At the time of the ejection the referee will:
 - (i) Call a time out.
 - (ii) Record the name(s) on the game sheet.
 - (iii) Inform both benches.
- (e) A coach ejection from a game results in the automatic default of that match.

12. JURY OF APPEAL

- (a) A Jury of Appeal, constructed at the preseason meeting, will rule on disputes which do not fall within the jurisdiction of the officials. The Jury of Appeal will consist of the Sport Convenor and four coaches from participating schools.

13. MEDICAL PERSONNEL

- (a) The Convenor may arrange for medical coverage at the final game.

14. CHAMPIONSHIPS AND OFSAA REPRESENTATION

- (a) The Bantam Championship Jamboree will occur the week following the completion of the regular season.
- (b) The Junior Tier 1 Championship date will occur the week following the Senior Tier 1 Championship and will begin no earlier than 7:00pm. The Tier 2 Championship will occur within two weeks following the completion of the regular season. The game will begin at 3:30 at the higher seed school.
- (c) The Senior Tier 1 Championship will occur on the Friday, proceeding the Ofsaa deadline, and will begin no earlier than 7:00pm.
- (d) As per Ofsaa requirements, the top team from the Senior Tier One championship will advance to OFSAA "AAAA" competition, unless already declaring their intention for A, AA, or AAA competition. As per OFSAA requirements A, AA, and AAA schools will have separate playdowns to advance to Ofsaa.
- (e) In the event that the Senior Tier One Champion is an A, AA or AAA school and will not be attending the AAAA OFSAA championships the following procedures will be used to identify the AAAA representative:
 - (i) the other school in the championship game shall be awarded the entry

- (ii) should both schools not be a AAAA school then the next available AAAA school from the semi final round will advance; if there are 2 schools then a 3 of 5 game match will be held at one of the two schools as determined by a coin toss. This match will be held on the afternoon of the Senior Championships and those results will be announced that evening.

In the event of a second ROPSSAA entry at any OFSAA Championship (not including the host entry) the same selection procedures as above shall be used to identify that entry assuming that the Champion is the first ROPSSAA entry.

OVA TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

If two or more teams are tied the following criteria will be applied, in order:

- a) The team having the best ratio of won/lost matches, considering matches between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;
- b) The team having the best ratio of won/lost games considering matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;
- c) The team having the best ratio of won/lost games, considering all matches of the round, will be ranked higher;
- d) The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering games played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;
- e) The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering all games played during the round, will be ranked higher;

When you apply this rule to break a tie you should follow this sequence;

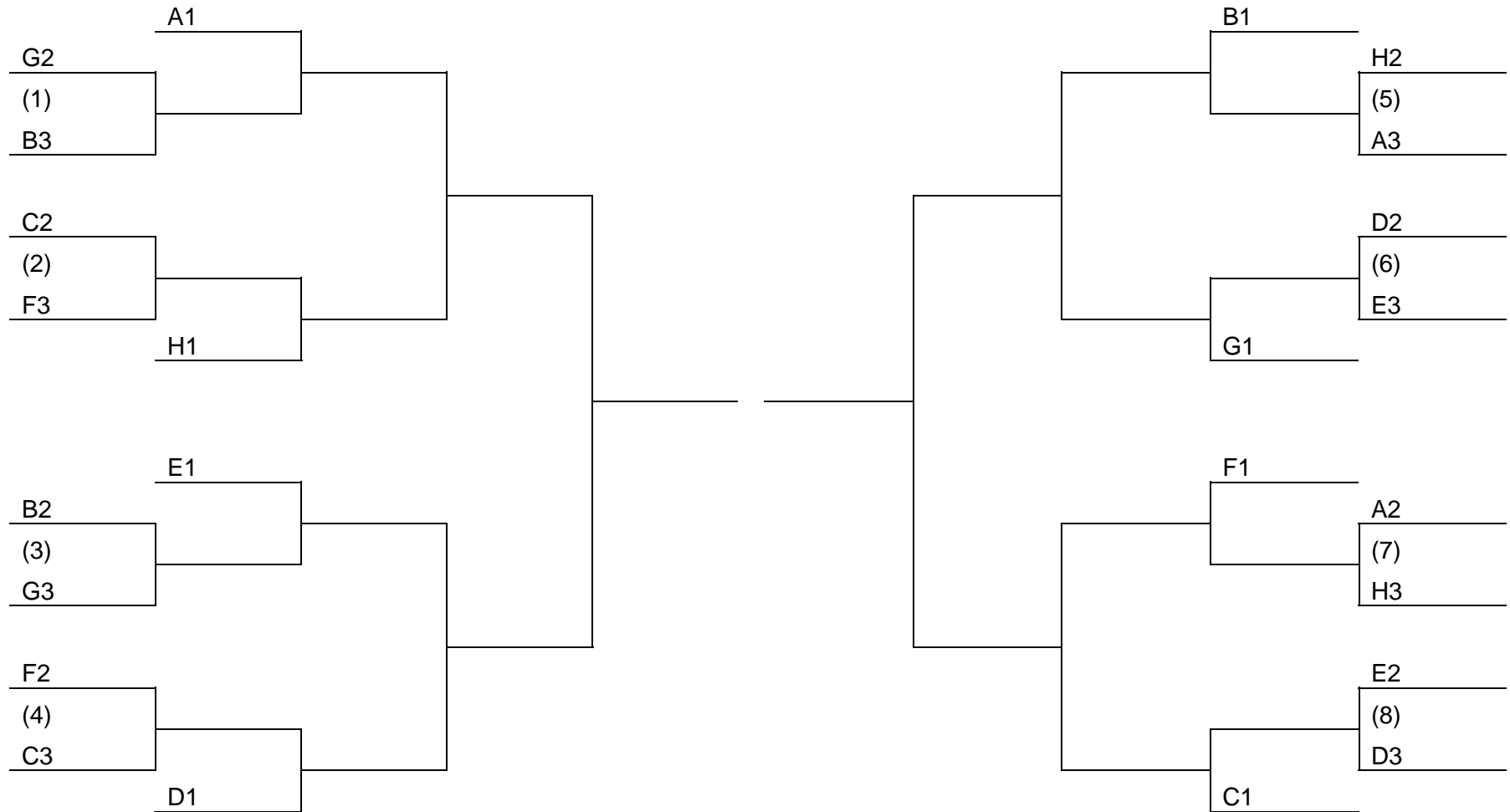
- 1) When two teams are tied, the tie-breaking criteria are applied one after the other until the tie has been broken.
- 2) When three or more teams are tied, the tie-breaker criteria are applied one after the other until all the tied teams have been ranked.

Note: This means that if there is a tie among teams X, Y, and Z and criteria 'b' is able to determine X as first, Y as second and Z as third, then no further criteria are to be used. The tie is broken.

However, if criteria "b" determines X as first and there is still a tie between Y and Z, then the ranking of the remaining teams will be determined by proceeding to criteria "c" and so on, if necessary. Do not start at (a) again. Continue through the sequence of criteria.

Tier 1 Championships

Top 8 divisions will be ranked based on strength of first place teams.
[A=1st, B=2nd, C=3rd, D=4th, E=5th, F=6th, G=7th, H=8th]



Tier 2 Championships
[A=1st, B=2nd, C=3rd, D=4th, E=5th, F=6th, G=7th, H=8th Division Ranks]

